

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO VERNON YOUNG

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Vernon Young, an Iowan and a World War II Navy veteran, for joining Des Moines North High School's Class of 2013 and accepting his diploma after more than seven decades.

Vernon Young, now age 88, was set to graduate from North High School in the spring of 1942. However, Mr. Young's plans for the future drastically changed as a result of the devastating attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Vernon wasted no time to answer the call of service and enlisted with the United States Navy a day after the attack. One short month later, he was deployed and contributing to America's pivotal and ultimately successful war effort.

Mr. Young served honorably and went on to obtain a bachelor's degree after being accepted to school on the basis of equivalency criteria—but he never attained his high school diploma. Now, more than 70 years later on May 24, 2013, Vernon, adorned in a green cap and gown, crossed the stage of North High School's 2013 graduation ceremony to receive it. At the ceremony, Vernon's older brother Marion Young was also honored for his service and sacrifice in World War II. Marion, a 1939 graduate of North High School and an enlisted service member, was killed in action during the war.

Mr. Speaker, it goes without saying that the selflessness and patriotism displayed by these brothers is truly extraordinary and a proud testament to the Iowa spirit. The efforts put forth by our country's greatest generation in a time of worldwide combat and uncertainty defined the prosperous and free nation that future generations continue to love and enjoy today. It is a great honor to represent veterans like Vernon Young in the United States Congress, and I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating him as both a veteran and as an official high school graduate. In all he has done, Vernon continues to be an example that our state and nation can be proud of.

TRIBUTE TO COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR LAWRENCE VANCE

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished military career of West Virginia National Guard Command Sergeant Major Lawrence Ray Vance. CSM Vance's service is one of honor and devotion; to which the people of West Virginia and the

United States of America owe a tremendous debt of gratitude.

Lawrence Vance began serving his country in 1971 when he enlisted in the United States Army. Following a short stint as a civilian, Vance joined the WVNG in 1975 and embarked on a journey that would take him around the globe. He began as an Armor Crewman at Fort Hood, Texas and gained extensive experience as a Tank Commander at Camp Casey, Korea; Fort Benning, Georgia; Ferris Barracks, Germany; and Fort Polk, Louisiana. He returned to WV in 1981 as a Motor Sergeant with the WVNG, later earning the rank of Command Sergeant Major after completing the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy Course in June of 2005. In the same year, he was promoted to the fourth highest position of leadership in the WVNG, State Enlisted Leader.

CSM Vance has received a host of awards and decorations throughout his service to our country, including the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medals, Achievement Medals, Good Conduct Medals, and Reserve Components Achievement Medals, among many others. In addition to the federal awards, CSM Vance received state recognition in the form of multiple WV Achievement Ribbons, Emergency Service Ribbons, State Service Ribbons, and Minute Man Ribbons, as well as a North Carolina Achievement Ribbon for his service to the state.

CSM Vance lives in Charleston, West Virginia with his wife, Ute. Together they have five children and sixteen grandchildren, many of whom followed their father's footsteps through work in the military or ministry.

On May 31, 2013 CSM Vance will retire from the WVNG after 38 years, 5 months, and 18 days of commendable service. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the State of West Virginia and the United States of America, I would like to thank CSM Lawrence Vance for his years of selfless service to our state and country.

TRIBUTE TO KAREN L. DELLAROCCHO

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2013

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding career of an individual whose meritorious civil service to our country has come to a close after 38 years. My staff and I came to know Karen L. Dellaroccho through her work as Legislative Specialist at the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP), but her storied career with the federal government began back in 1975 when Karen joined the Department of Defense as a clerk typist. Karen's talent and professionalism became apparent immediately as she quickly rose through the ranks to become a Department of the Army Protocol Officer. In 1990,

she began work with BOP at Federal Correctional Institution Petersburg, Virginia and seven years later, transitioned to the BOP's Office of Legislative Affairs where she served until her retirement last month in May 2013.

My staff tells me that Karen's customer service to the Congress is simply unparalleled, and that she has always approached her work with enthusiasm, professionalism, fairness and attention to detail. With her retirement, Karen will be deeply missed by my office and every Capitol Hill office which she has faithfully served. Unquestionably, Congress has lost a kind-hearted and talented Legislative Affairs counterpart who will be appreciated for her humor, hard work and ever-present willingness to lend a helping hand.

Karen is an avid antiquer, gardener and traveler—and a friend to many. We wish you all the best in your retirement. Congratulations.

BUSINESS INCUBATOR CENTER TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2013

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Business Incubator Center of Grand Junction, Colorado. Founded in 1987, the Business Incubator Center is a private non-profit organization with the sole mission of fostering economic growth and entrepreneurial spirit in Western Colorado. Earlier this year, the Business Incubator Center was named "Incubator of the Year" by the National Business Incubation Association for the second time in its 25 year history.

Working with both start-up and established businesses in the Grand Junction area, the Business Incubator Center has played a significant role in building and maintaining thousands of businesses. Over the past 25 years, the Business Incubator Center has helped launch more than 575 businesses in the community, which have gone on to generate more than \$156 million in revenue, and create more than 10,000 jobs. The impact the Business Incubator Center has had on the community is immeasurable.

In both 1996 and 2013, BIC was chosen by the National Business Incubation Association as America's top incubator, well deserved honors for this vital organization that has led to the creation of so many jobs. The success of the Business Incubator Center's model has sparked innovation and fostered prosperity for thousands of Coloradans. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize The Business Incubator Center of Grand Junction, Colorado for its commitment to the economic development of Western Colorado.

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